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Director of Logistics

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NOTE FOR: DDA  
FROM: Director of Logistics  
SUBJECT: Donovan Statue

Bill,

1. I do not know who is the action officer for the DCI regarding the statue of Donovan, but I hope that someone on the DCI Staff is keeping copies of all the correspondence and documentation related thereto. Attached is a copy of a letter to Senator Paul Laxalt in which the DCI states that a sculptor recommended by the senator would be contacted in the event we should decide to go forward with the statue. Also attached hereto is a note to you from the DCI and a letter which indicates that The Research Institute of America, Inc. is getting proposals from three sculptors for the statue. The obvious question is whether or not the sculptor recommended by Senator Paul Laxalt is being considered.

2. Another factor to consider is that the Office of Public Affairs responded to many inquiries about the statue by interested sculptors by stating that they would be placed on the Agency's bidder's list for the statue thus implying they would be given the opportunity to compete for the task should the Agency decide to go forward with a statue.

3. Procurement Division, OL has a relatively complete file on the subject. Perhaps it should be suggested that someone from the DCI's staff contact [redacted] Chief, Procurement Division, OL on extension [redacted] to discuss this matter.

John M. Ray

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Mrs. Claire A. Stein  
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to say, I would appreciate whatever information you could secure for me as well as your guidance on how we can proceed to nail this down as rapidly as possible. As you can tell from what I have written, there will be no competition.

While I tend to have the highest regard personally and professionally for Bob Weinman, on the basis of the photographs, my inclination would lean in the following order -- Ludtke, Hancock, Weinman.

If there is a problem about my continuing to keep the remaining photos, let me know.

On your recollection that you sent me some photos earlier this year with the impression that they were in connection with the same project, I frankly had completely forgotten that incident, but referring to my correspondence I find that in June 1985 you had provided some photos and some recommendations. They were indeed for a Donovan project. Whether it was the same one or not is unclear to me. Those photographs were returned to you.

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Thanks for your very prompt help and excellent selections.

Cordially,

  
Leo Cherne

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J cc: William J. Casey

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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September 16, 1986

Mrs. Claire A. Stein  
National Sculpture Society  
15 East 26 Street  
New York, New York 10010

Dear Claire:

The photographs you sent me were extremely helpful. Any one of the sculptors you suggested would clearly do a distinguished piece of work. Because of the happy increased interest in figurative work, I am enclosing those photographs and the handsome Parks portrait which have been eliminated. I hope, however, I may continue to keep the photographs of Sam Houston and Lyndon Johnson by [unclear] the sculpture of Barkley by Walter Hancock, and the photo of Bob Weinman's work.

Let me now explain the project and seek your advice on how to proceed. The headquarters buildings of the CIA in Langley, Virginia are in the process of expansion. The buildings and the grounds are magnificent. Since the predecessor organization to the CIA was the OSS during World War II which was organized and headed by General "Wild" Bill Donovan (William J.), several of the friends of Bill Donovan who played key roles in the OSS wish to erect a life-size bronze sculpture on an appropriate base in a prominent location. William J. Casey, the present Director of the CIA, was the European head of underground OSS activities during World War II, and is presently interested in this memorial to Donovan.

The necessary photographs and whatever information and help the sculptor would require will, of course, be provided.

At this point, cooperating with Casey, I have undertaken to find out the availability of these three sculptors and the approximate cost of a life-size standing figure. The sculptor and Casey should be brought together. While Casey comes to New York, whoever undertakes to do the work would undoubtedly wish to see the Langley site, which is less than thirty minutes from the international airport in Washington. Needless

The Director of Central Intelligence

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NOTE FOR: DDA

FROM: DCI

SUBJECT: Donovan Statue

Leo Cherne is getting proposals  
from three proven sculptors for the  
Donovan statue.

  
William J. Casey

Attachment:  
Ltr from Leo Cherne to  
Claire A. Stein, dtd  
16 September 1986

Central Intelligence Agency



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The Honorable Paul Laxalt  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Paul:

Thanks for your letter of 21 August recommending Mr. George Carlson for consideration in sculpting the statue of General Bill Donovan proposed for our Headquarters Building.

Paul, because of the current constrained fiscal environment, we have decided to reconsider how best to pay tribute to General Donovan. Accordingly, further plans to complete a life-sized statue are being held in abeyance to give us an opportunity to consider other alternatives. However, Mr. Carlson will certainly be contacted should we opt to go forward with the statue.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence

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